

HOME-READING COURSE  
FOR CITIZEN-SOLDIERS

The Staff branches reviewed in the preceding lesson are the General Staff Corps, Adjutant General's Department, Inspector General's Department, Judge Advocate General's Department, Engineer Corps, and Signal Corps. The other three staff branches which all directly touch every soldier are the Medical Department, Quartermaster Corps, and Ordnance Department.

The Medical Department works along two distinct lines: First, it tries to keep everyone in the Army in good health, and for this purpose keeps close watch of the cleanliness of camps and buildings, of the quality and cooking of food, and the like; second, it provides ambulances, hospitals, and medical service for the proper care of sick or wounded men. The Medical Department includes the Dental Corps, the Hospital Corps, and the Nurse Corps. Its officers are experienced physicians who have passed rigid examinations. Its enlisted men are chiefly engaged in the difficult and often dangerous work of rescuing the wounded and transporting them to field and base hospitals.

Just as every man in the Army carries interlocking tools so that he can protest himself without the help of the Engineer Corps when necessary, so he also carries a "first-aid packet," so that he may in an emergency perform some of the duties of the Medical Department. Every soldier learns how to give dressing and treatment to his own wounds when he is able to do so, and how to assist wounded comrades until men from the Medical Department arrive.

**Medical Department Efficiency**  
The Medical Department of the American Army is regarded as one of the best in the world. A soldier may feel assured he will receive every possible attention in case of need. The percentage of recoveries from wounds in the hospitals manned by Americans during the European War has been exceptionally high.

The Quartermaster Corps is the business manager of the Army. It furnishes food, clothing, and most kinds of equipment; provides horses and mules; arranges for transportation; takes charge of money; buys supplies; pays troops; and keeps on hand stores of supplies. The importance of all this work can hardly be overestimated. Napoleon said "An army travels on its belly," meaning that soldiers must be well fed and well supplied if they are to fight effectively. This is even more necessary today than it was in Napoleon's time. In modern warfare the scale of fighting and the quantities of supplies are so tremendous that the duties of the Quartermaster Corps are multiplied beyond any previous experience.

The officers of the Quartermaster Corps must be able business men. Many of them have held important business positions. The enlisted men of the corps are skilled in such occupations as blacksmithing, painting, driving teams and trucks, baking bread and the like.

**Work of Ordnance Department**  
Of the same general character is the work of the Ordnance Department which furnishes the guns, ammunition, and other supplies needed for fighting. Several times during the present war whole armies have been forced to retreat or have suffered severely because of the lack of munitions. The quantity of ammunition used daily is enormous. During the French offensive of June, 1917, 12,600,000 shots were fired from artillery guns.

In the actual theatre of war the ammunition service is under the control of the Field Artillery. Bringing up supplies of ammunition to troops and to batteries in action is one of the most essential of all duties on the battlefield. The wagons or trucks carrying ammunition must be driven when necessary within easy reach of the firing line. Sometimes there is an opportunity here for the display of resourcefulness and courage far above the ordinary requirements of the service.

At the second Battle of Ypres in April, 1915, the Third Battery in the Third Brigade of the Canadian Field Artillery galloped into position within a few hundred yards of the German front, where they did gallant work fighting against overwhelming odds to hold back the enemy's onslaught. After a time it became necessary to bring up high explosive shells. One of the Canadian gunners tells how they were brought:

"The ammunition wagon containing them came galloping across the open field under a heavy fire, the men lashing their horses and yelling mad. The horses were simply crazed. Some of them had been hit with bullets, and when they neared our guns the men could not stop them. It looked as though they would go right on to the German lines. There was only one thing to do: The rider of the leading horse drew his revolver and shot them dead. They went down with the other horses and men and

the wagon rolling over and over them. With the high explosive shells we tore the trees to bits and left the whole place open; then our infantry, quickly following up the advantage, drove the Germans back."

**The Fighting Team.**  
When the three fighting arms and the nine staff corps are all brought together under one control they form what we may call "the fighting team." This is the team in which you and every other soldier must be ready to play your part.

The smallest unit in which all these branches of the service is represented is known as a division. Under present conditions it is made up of three Infantry brigades; one brigade of Field Artillery; one regiment of Engineers; one battalion of Signal Corps; one squadron of airplanes; together with field trains and combat trains carrying rations, baggage, ammunition and all kinds of supplies. A division, therefore, is in itself a complete small army. When at full strength it includes 28,334 officers and men. A field army is made up of a number of such divisions.

YOUNG AURORA  
COUPLE MARRIED

Miss Eunice Jones and Homer Ryker were united in marriage last evening at the Jones home, Dr. N. D. Sidman of Springfield, officiating. The ceremony took place at 8 o'clock with only the parents of the bride and groom present as witnesses.

Mrs. Ryker is the daughter of Rev. B. D. Jones, pastor of the Central Methodist church and has a host of friends. Mr. Ryker has been in the employ of J. W. Owen for the past four years and is one of Aurora's most highly respected young men. Mr. and Mrs. Ryker will make their home for the present with Mr. Ryker's parents on East Church street.

The bride and groom with a number of friends and relatives, took dinner today at the Ryker home.—Aurora Light.

BUYER OF STOLEN  
AUTO RELEASED

J. N. Goldsby, Monett, Joe and Vade Quick, Oilton, Okla., the three men arrested by Officer Black last week for driving a car without a license and being in possession of a stolen auto were released Saturday afternoon, after the city officers here held a consultation with the Lawrence County prosecuting attorney, Mr. McNatt asserting there could be no case made against these men except driving without a license. Of course they were anxious to plead guilty to this charge, pay their fine and get out of town, which they immediately did. There is practically no question as to the innocence of the two Quick boys but Goldsby had bought a stolen car and admitted it.—Peirce City Leader.

NEW MINING VENTURE  
AT WENTWORTH

The mill on the ground of the North American mine at Wentworth is to be moved to new ground north of Georgetown where J. W. Boyd and a number of associates have secured a lease on 60 acres of land. A shaft has been sunk on this land to 110 feet after the ground had been proved by eight or nine drill holes all showing good ore.

John Clark and Sam McFerran have the contract for moving the mill and have commenced work. The new company has been incorporated under the name of the Metropolitan Mining Company.—Peirce City Journal.

## PEIRCE CITY

Aug Brockschmidt was transacting business in Monett Tuesday.

Mrs. J. B. Wall and Miss Nannie English went to Monett Wednesday to visit their sister, Mrs. Lon Thomas, until the first of the week when they will leave for Pomona, Cal. Miss English will make her future home with Mrs. Wall at Pomona.

S. J. Chumbley of Monett, and W. P. Kibler and family of Elizabethtown, Ill., are here for a few days visiting E. C. Chumbley and family. W. F. Brendlinger, who went to Colorado for his health, is now in Arizona. He has had two operations since he left home for an abscess on the liver.—The Leader.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY COURT

Ordered that James I. Duncan be admitted to the state sanatorium as a county patient.

E. M. McAndrews road ordered opened within 30 days.

Exemption from road work granted Lloyd Merrick.

Requisition on state auditor for \$3,469.18, county's part Foreign insurance tax.

Petition of Louis Ottensmeyer et al, for new road read and continued.

J. W. Colley, W. A. Snow and C. B. Langston appointed commissions to assess damages on L. F. Arthur road.

A. W. MacElvany, of Enid, superintendent of the Western Division, will be transferred to Sapulpa, Okla., to take the place of E. C. Lilley. Mr. Lilley will be transferred to the River and Cape Division.

NEOSHO DEFEATS  
MONETT ELEVEN

It was a rattlin' good game except for the "rag-chewing" and wrangling of the officials in general. In all of the disputes the Monett players took little part, the Neosho eleven doing most of the talking.

The Monett eleven was somewhat late in arriving at Neosho and the game was delayed for a short time.

Neosho kicked off to Monett, Adams receiving, who carried the ball only a short distance before being downed.

Neosho's weight kept Monett from scoring throughout the game. The battle was carried up and down the field in the first half and when the half closed neither had scored. Monett received again. George Reynaud the High's fast left end carried the ball practically without interference down the south side line for twenty yards. The high school now tried their best trick play, resulting in a twenty-five yard run by Happy Swartzel, one of Monett's two star half-backs, fumbles and downs again. Monett recovered the ball on downs six yards from Neosho's goal. Swartzel made a run around left end for ten yards. Neosho recovered the ball and after a great deal of disputing goals were changed and Neosho smashed through for their one touch-down. Timmons, their star full-back and punter, failed to raise the ball much higher than his head and the score remained 6-0, Monett playing hard to tie the score.

Very few rooters accompanied the team but those who did go made up for the absence of the rest. The High's eleven should be congratulated on their clean playing, their abstinence from quarreling and their superior playing over a heavier team.

**ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF THEFT**  
R. L. King, of Marshfield, was arrested, Friday night, charged with stealing razors, shaving mugs and clothing from the Hullinger rooming house. The man was arrested at Peirce City as he was leaving for western points.

In police court, Saturday morning, he admitted his guilt, returned the articles and was given a fine. His sentence was light on account of his having with him his eight-year-old son.

TWO BIRTH REPORTS FOR  
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Again the doctors have been tardy with sending in the birth reports and the birth record of Dr. Wm. West, local registrar, only shows two births for the month of September and they are as follows:

Sept. 1, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jolly, son.

Sept. 23, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Roettgen, boy.

## NEIGHBORING NEWS

Health is good in this vicinity. We have been having some real nice weather at present.

Misses Cora Terry and Lillie Myers visited Miss Ora Thomas Sunday.

General Sooter and family visited Jim Roller and family Sunday.

The people of this neighborhood have been having their hay baled. Miss Lois Shepherd has tonsillitis.

Brit Marbut has been working for Jim Roller this week, helping make molasses.

Mrs. Sarah Marbut and Miss Mary Roller visited Mrs. Hiram Roller, Wednesday.

Mrs. Ella Terry visited Mrs. Sarah Marbut, Tuesday.

Dutch Morlan preached at Arnhart Sunday night, a large crowd was present.

Miss Eula Marbut visited Miss Eula Amos, Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. McCraw visited Mrs. J. M. Roller Tuesday afternoon.

Kelsol Terry and son Oscar, have been visiting here this week. He visited his brother Eli Terry Saturday night. Oscar is expecting to leave soon for the training camp.

DEATHS IN MONETT DURING  
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Dr. Wm. West, local registrar, reports the following deaths for the month of September:

September 3, female, age 5 years, diphtheria.

September 12, female, age 2 months, acute indigestion.

September 22, male, age 47 years, Brights disease.

September 26, female, age 39 years, pellagra.

September 26, female, age 78 years, hemiplegia.

September 28, male, age 84, acute indigestion.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spratley and their guest, Miss Carrie Spratley, of Kansas City, and Mrs. Bert Bradford, returned Friday, from a motoring trip to Joplin.

Dr. J. W. Mallonee, of Springfield, was in town, Saturday. He is a chiropractor and may decide to locate at Monett.

Miss Gladys Price and Antoinette Dwyer and Earl Wells motored to Carthage, Friday evening.

QUOTA OF 178 IS  
ABOUT COMPLETE

Eight Needed Out of Possible Forty  
-two-List Comes Back With  
Forty-Numbers Will Easily  
Be Secured.

Barry County's quota to the new national army lacks only eight of being complete and the names of forty-two young men have been certified to the District Board by the Local Board. It is expected that the required number will be easily secured from that number.

The names of forty men have been certified to the Local Board by the District Board and they are now available for the army. They are:

Purdy—Wm. J. Mitchell, Curtis M. Horine, Clifford L. Dummitt, Ward C. Swearingen, Jess W. Rice, Emanuel Carius.

Monett—Paul H. Johnson, Loyal L. Davis, Harry E. Miller, Sherman E. Arnold, Henry S. Richards, Wayne Dickerson, Harry Bird, Clyde E. Sexton, Clyde A. Russell, Wm. H. Berry, Leo F. Mansfield, Albert H. Finch, James C. Johnson, Erwin E. Bradford.

Seligman—John C. Bridges, Chas. E. Evans.

Cassville—Ernest H. Payne, Grover C. Feland, Geo. T. Bayless, Charles Adams, Clifford Loftin, Claud M. Kissler, Wm. A. Fogg.

Verona—Marion E. Calton, Benj. Thomas.

Jenkins—Evel Bailey.

Marionville—Wallace C. Cope.

Butterfield—Evert Wilson.

Eureka Springs—Leonard L. Vanderpool.

Peirce City—Thomas Turner.

McDowell—Frank L. Hohenshell.

Mano—Arch Gautney.

Exeter—Otto Ruppert, Harry Malone.

The following have been certified to the District Board:

Crane—Milford S. Johnson.

Monett—Melvin L. Lane, Wayman S. Hutchens, Jesse Snorley, Jas. L. Agan, John E. Patton, Barney Vanhatten, Jas. L. Long, John Shamlin, Alfred Balmes, F. E. Dummitt.

Ridgely—John E. Metcalf.

Jenkins—Pony Ross.

McDowell—I. T. Roark.

Mineral Springs—John F. Timmonds.

Purdy—Thos. H. McPhail, Wm. H. Carlin, Aaron C. Henson.

Cassville—Andrew J. Anderson, Calvin K. Lowe, Roscoe Twilliger, Herbert C. Young, Robert Glenn Hawk, Earl Thomas, John R. Wallace, Frank Cooper, Landis H. Morgan.

Wheaton—Floyd A. Duncan.

Butterfield—James A. Blalock.

Verona—Fred L. Carpenter, Rich H. Furlow.

Viola—Sam. Applegate, Alfred Allen.

Mano—Alfred L. Munday.

Shell Knob—John C. Blythe.

Seligman—Thos. W. Roller, Wm. F. Fairchild.

Flat Creek—James Smith.

Garfield, Ark.—Elmer J. Talbert.

Scholten—Roscoe E. Curry.

Exeter—David Metcalf.

Cato—Neil Smith.

The following were exempted by the Local Board:

Charles Skelton, Clarence Beck, C. Otto Bower, Arthur Shaffnutt, Frank Riddle, Clarence M. Taylor, Will Frazier, Virgil F. Eubanks, Brattin O. Wormington, Grover E. Overton, Obadiah Hudson, Martin P. Randolph, Thos. A. Edgman, John Wagner, Bert A. Moudy, Leroy Darity, Will J. Nichols, Leo J. Elbert.

The call for the county's last quota is expected most any day but it is not hardly probable that one will be issued until the District Board passes on the appeals.—Cassville Democrat.

**MEETING OF MONETT MEDICAL SOCIETY**

The meeting of the Monett Medical society held at the offices of Drs. Hawkins & Dusenbury, Thursday evening was attended by all the physicians in the city.

An important topic at this season of the year is the care of contagious diseases. The disposition of some to disregard the isolation and fumigation of homes where contagion is or has been present was discussed by the members. All agreed to encourage strict compliance with the rules of quarantine and subsequent fumigation as the most effective means of preventing wide spread epidemics.

The revision of the fee bill was discussed at some length. On account of the enormous increase in the prices of drugs and surgical materials coupled with the added cost of living it was the decision of the society that a revision of the fee bill with an upward trend would be absolutely necessary if satisfactory medical services were to be rendered the patronizing public. The revised fee bill is to be adopted by the society and put into effect at once.

Dr. Elkan H. Kahn, of Youngstown, Ohio, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Flora Kahn and his sister, Miss Merrah Kahn.

Mrs. J. L. Basham left Saturday morning for a visit in St. Louis.

## KINGS PRAIRIE

The officers of Kings Prairie Aid Society are president, Mrs. John Reid; vice-president, Mrs. Chas. Jackson; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Cornell; assistant secretary, Mrs. Marion Tate.

Jessie Dummit underwent an operation at Monett last Friday for the removal of her tonsils. Dr. Jones performed the operation. She was quite sick Sunday and Monday but is doing nicely now but will lose this week of school.

W. R. Browning's sale held on Friday, Oct. 16, was very well attended considering the busy season and the crowd was composed of good buyers and everything sold at a very satisfactory price.

Rev. Greenup will preach at Kings Prairie Union Church Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., and 7 p. m. Hereafter he will hold regular services the first and third Sunday of each month.

W. J. Davis and wife, son and daughter, Chester and Jeneva, motored from Wichita, Kan., to visit the Charles Jackson family.

Miss Ethel Reid, who was operated on at Dr. West's hospital several weeks ago, came home Sunday. She is getting along very nicely.

Rev. King and E. E. Greenup motored out and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Cornell, Monday. Mr. Greenup will be the new pastor for Kings Prairie Methodist church.

Mr. Thompson, teacher of Kings Prairie school, has decided to hold a school fair soon and in order to meet the necessary expenses will have a pie supper at the school house Thursday night. All come and help a good cause.

## GREENHILL

We have been having some pretty warm weather but it is some cooler at present.

The farmers are gathering apples and sowing wheat.

The Bethel school has been dismissed this week on account of diphtheria.

We were very sorry to hear of Ike Inman's only milk cow getting her leg broke. Someone ran over her with an automobile. It seems that the car owners are getting very careless—they don't care for either man or beast.

Asberry Davis is gathering his apples this week. He has had an enormous crop of very fine apples.

Miss Effie Smith visited Miss Ada Roller Sunday.

Brother Shuey will fill his regular appointment at Macedonia Saturday and Sunday. Everyone come and bring someone with you.

Mrs. Rumbaugh visited Mrs. Clyde Davis Wednesday evening.

Miss Opal Davis visited Mrs. Etta Rumbaugh a while Wednesday evening.

Little Doyle Davis has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Henderson were hoppers in Monett, Tuesday.

**VERONA**

Alva H. Haynes and family of Monett visited at the home of John Black, out on Pleasant Ridge, Saturday and Sunday.

Raymond, two-year-old son of Mrs. Chloe Turner, died Saturday and the body was brought here from Monett, Tuesday evening, and was buried in the Spring River cemetery, Wednesday morning.

Work on the new bridge across Spring River at the Marbut ford is progressing right along. Each of the main abutments and the two middle pillars are completed and the floor is being laid. The floor, which is of reinforced concrete, is built on beams one by three feet, set up edgewise. There are four of these reinforced beams under the floor and are calculated to hold up a weight equal to the heaviest engine that passes Verona on the Frisco. The bottom of the floor is of the bridge is eighteen inches higher than high water mark on the spring house at Marbut spring.—The Advocate.

## MRS. ELMER CARNEY DIES

Mrs. Elmer Carney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston, of Monett, died at Colorado Springs, Colo., at 10 o'clock, Friday night, October 19, after several months' illness.

Mrs. Carney was born at Monett, May 13, 1889 and lived here until her marriage with Elmer Carney about eight years ago. She was the mother of three boys, the youngest one having died a few months ago. Mrs. Carney's illness dated from the death of her little son. Her health gradually declined and in the summer she was taken to Colorado Springs in the hope that a change of climate would be a benefit.

She was a young woman of unusual sweetness of disposition and liveliness of character.

**NEW LIVERY BARN IN TOWN**

E. J. Cox has leased the Bramer building on the corner of Seventh and Broadway and will put in a livery and feed stable. Mr. Cox has a part of his equipment already in use. He intends to buy all new rigs.

THE "CHARGES"  
AGAINST COL. RAUPP

Bernard Finn, of the Sarcoxie Record makes public the charges preferred against Col. Raupp by Gen. John W. Ruckman, U. S. A. In reference to the matter he says:

From the information received at this office, it seems that efficiency reports introduced at the proceedings were all favorable to Col. Raupp with one exception, that exception being General John W. Ruckman, U. S. A., who stated that he did not concur with an efficiency report made by General H. C. Clark and citing as specific reasons for his disagreement four instances of alleged inefficiency on the part of Col. Raupp while in command of the Second Regiment at Laredo, Texas.

These incidents were to the following effect:

(1) That in October, 1916, while at Laredo, Texas, two officers of the Second Regiment were charged with disreputable conduct and it was only by personal demand that charges were finally preferred against them; that Col. Raupp evidently tried to shield these officers. (2) That when the regiment left the border several officers of the regiment left unpaid bills and several checks that were not good. (This however did not apply to Col. Raupp, but to some of the officers of his regiment. (3) That Col. Raupp's attitude was not favorable to the enlistment of men from his regiment to the regular army. (4) That it was a current report that beer was sold by the Second Regiment in open violation of regulations; that on a certain day General Ruckman personally inspected the Second Regiment Exchange and found two barrels of beer in the store room. These barrels were intact (unopened) and later on it was stated that the barrels had been sent to the regiment by error; that it would be difficult to prove that the exchange actually sold beer, but that he (General Ruckman) believed it was sold.

After citing these instances, General Ruckman went on to state that he considered Col. Raupp an inefficient officer, without tactful knowledge or ability to instruct in same, and ended by saying he did not consider him (Col. Raupp) a fit officer for the service.

Witnesses in favor of Col. Raupp, testifying to his efficiency, were:

Major John K. Miller, U. S. A., Captain Charles M. Gordon, U. S. A., Captain Raymond Sheldon, U. S. A., Major Cosby, U. S. A., General H. C. Clark, Mo. N. G., Col. A. Linxwiler, 6th Missouri Infantry, Major E. M. Slayton, Missouri Engineers, General A. B. Donnelly, Major N. B. Peorman, Col. F. M. Rumbold, Col. John M. Neely.

These officers without exception spoke in the highest terms of the efficiency and general ability of Col. Raupp. In his own behalf, Col. Raupp denied that beer was sold in regimental exchange at Laredo and stated that he had not been apprised of the nature of General Ruckman's charges although the law requires that a copy of such a charge should be furnished to him in order that he might have a chance to reply.

The officers conducting the enquiry were: General Martin, Col. Chaney and Col. Klem. It seems from the review of the evidence, given in the foregoing paragraphs, that the report of General Ruckman outweighed that of the 12 other witnesses at the enquiry, and it will be noted that the evidence of General Ruckman was not a citation of established fact but rather a statement of his own personal opinion, based on four incidents which he observed while at Laredo, Texas. Of these four incidents, the only really important one was the finding of the barrels of beer. Col. Raupp stated at the enquiry that these barrels were delivered to his regiment by mistake and were returned to the dealer unopened.

Dr. Simmons, who served under Col. Raupp at Laredo, was asked by a representative of this paper what he thought about that officer's ability:

"There is no question that Col. Raupp was the most efficient regimental commander in service at the Mexican border," he said. "General Ruckman is a military martinet of the old school and I cannot understand why his unsupported opinion should outweigh that of the distinguished officers in favor of Col. Raupp."

If the findings of the efficiency board are approved by the President, Col. Raupp may be discharged from the service with an allowance of one month's pay.

Mrs. Kitty B. Mitchell, of Verona, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Goddard, went to Springfield, Monday, for a brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rauch, Misses Elizabeth Harrison and Kate Rauch, returned Monday, from a visit with relatives in Billings.

Mrs. N. H. Tracey and her sister, Mrs. Stapleton, of Seligman, returned Sunday evening, from a visit with relatives in Burton, Kan., and Red Rock, Okla.